

Facts about the United States Customs Explorer Academy

The Law Enforcement Explorer Program was established in 1968 to afford qualified young men and women the opportunity to affiliate themselves with the criminal justice field prior to reaching the eligible age for appointment as law enforcement professionals.

The United States Customs Explorer Academy ("USCEA") will be held June 21-30, 2002 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, 30 miles north of Chicago, IL. The Academy will select 32 of the most exemplary and highly qualified law enforcement Explorers from across the nation to participate.

USCEA will provide an intense training environment with high level instructors who will actively promote the core values of integrity, accountability, fairness, service, and pride through leadership, professional, and personal development courses. These instructors will come from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies as well as military personnel to uniformly provide excellent training to eligible United States Customs Service Explorers from across the country. Courses focus on law enforcement techniques and procedures necessary for the increasingly challenging environment that exists today.

The United States Customs Explorer Academy will not only strengthen our performance and skills in competition, but also create camaraderie across the nation. As these selected Explorers embark on this challenging endeavor, they will learn and apply leadership diversity skills, thus establishing a network incorporating Explorers, Instructors, and Staff.

USCEA will instill the importance of officer safety through the use of non-combative resources and techniques.

All aspects of the design of the United States Customs Explorer Academy will encourage structure, discipline, conflict resolution techniques, and cultural awareness by creating an interactive environment for Explorers to help prepare them to serve as better citizens and positive role models in their communities.



Training

Courses for USCEA participants include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- 🔦 Basic Investigation Skills
- 🔦 Building Search
- 🔦 Crime and Drug Prevention
- 🔦 Crime Scene Search
- 🔦 Criminal & Constitutional Law
- 🔦 Cultural Awareness
- 🔦 Drill & Ceremonies
- 🔦 Ethics & Integrity
- 🔦 Firearms Range & Safety Procedure
- 🔦 Hostage Negotiations
- 🔦 Interview and Interrogations Skills
- 🔦 Leadership Dynamics
- 🔦 Physical Training
- 🔦 Report Writing
- 🔦 Surveillance
- 🔦 Traffic Stops



Certifications

Upon graduation, all USCEA participants will be officially certified in the following areas:

- 🔦 Arrest Techniques
- 🔦 First Aid & CPR
- 🔦 Physical Evaluation & Battery

Other USCEA Activities

In addition to participating in this challenging Academy, USCEA participants will also participate in:

- ▶ a community service event
- ▶ hands-on-tour of the Port of Chicago
- ▶ tour of the City of Chicago which includes a social outing, ie., sports game

Academy Fee

The academy fee for USCEA is \$200 which will cover:

- ✓ Room & board
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ PT uniform (3 t-shirts and 2 shorts)
- ✓ Official USCEA bookbag, notebooks and pens
- ✓ Tour of Chicago



Qualifications for Participation

In order to meet the minimum qualifications to participate in USCEA, Explorers must:

- ✓ Have at least one year experience as an Explorer
- ✓ Have the full official and complete Explorer uniform, including badge
- ✓ Have approval from Post Head Advisor
- ✓ Have approval from Parent or Legal Guardian
- ✓ Submit an application and at least 2 Letters of Recommendation

The Application Process

Explorers who meet the minimum qualifications must then submit a complete USCEA application along with two letters of recommendation. All qualifying applications will be forwarded to a panel who will select the top 32 applicants. Letters of acceptance will be mailed on March 31, 2002. If selected, Explorers will then submit a check or money order for the \$200 conference fee. To receive an application contact:

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All completed applications must be postmarked and submitted by **February 1, 2002** to:

**United States Customs Explorer Academy
U.S. Customs Service
610 S. Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60607**



UNITED STATES CUSTOMS EXPLORER ACADEMY Mission Statement

The United States Customs Explorer Academy will enhance leadership, professionalism, and personal development by promoting Citizenship, Integrity, Accountability, Fairness, Service, and Pride.

The United States Customs Explorer Academy will provide uniform and quality training to Customs Explorers in order to promote the professional image of the United States Customs Service.

The United States Customs Explorer Academy will empower youth through positive encouragement to further drug and violence prevention programs as well as to develop career values.

The United States Customs Explorer Academy will foster cultural awareness and respect through leadership diversity, structure, and discipline.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

TEAM-BUILDING

PHYSICAL TRAINING

ENHANCE COMPETITIVE EDGE

LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, & MILITARY TRAINING

REMEMBER:

"Tomorrow's Future is in the Hands of Today's Youth!"

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